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NORMAL SCHOOL LIBRARIANS ROUND TABLE

The Normal School Librarians Round Table was held on Wednesday afternoon, June 25, Miss Mary C. Richardson, librarian of the Normal School Library, Geneseo, New York, presiding.

A very full program left no time for discussion of the papers read, which were as follows: "Teaching the use of the library in the grades," by Mrs. Elizabeth Hardman Furst, school librarian, North Adams, Massachusetts; "Teaching normal school students children's literature," by

Miss Adeline B. Zachert, supervisor of extension work, Public Library, Rochester, New York; "A course in library technique for all; what we have been doing—what we would like to do," by Miss Mildred R. Forward, librarian City Normal School, Rochester, New York; "The library hour," by Bessie L. Eldridge, assistant librarian, State Normal School, Geneseo, New York; "The vision of Anton, the librarian," by Miss Harriet King Avery, Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS ROUND TABLE

The Public Documents Round Table was held on Friday afternoon, June 27, the chairman, Mr. George S. Godard, state librarian of Connecticut, presiding.

Mr. H. H. B. Meyer, chief bibliographer of the Library of Congress, was introduced as the first speaker, and made a brief and informal statement regarding tentative plans now under consideration by the Joint Committee on Printing, of Congress, looking toward a reduction of the number of Government publications by the elimination of any found to be unnecessary.

Mr. Meyer further explained that in the case of publications of which both Congressional and Departmental issues have been published in the past, the duplication would probably be discontinued; that some plan would be adopted whereby selective distribution would be better secured, libraries thus to receive only the publications they especially require; and that in these efforts toward economy it is the wish of the Joint Committee on Printing to meet the desires of the librarians of the country as far as practicable, and to invite expression of opinion from librarians, through a committee representing them.

Chairman Godard next called upon Miss Edith Guerrier, who addressed the assembly upon the work of the National Library Service, using as illustration of her remarks a large collection of exhibits.

Having stated that in demonstrating the value of public documents many charts are obtainable showing the organization of the Government, Miss Guerrier indicated a desirable arrangement of material, general departmental reports, general historical data and lists of departmental publications to be followed by bureaus, alphabetically arranged; and the speaker continued by explaining some of the methods of the National Library Service as follows:

The Superintendent of Documents and the people in his office have cooperated well with us. They telephone me every month when their list is ready to send over to the Library of Congress, and I go down and select the publications of general interest under the different departments, beginning with the Department of Agriculture and going down the alphabet. Thus I get a list of the publications which librarians ought to know about and obtain before Congressmen have distributed them all. This is a short list, and I have been arranging so that the librarians could write to the National Library